

**PARK COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 19, 2007**

A Special Meeting of the Park Commission was convened at 7:15 p.m. at the Trumbull Town Hall Court Room for the purpose of considering two items: Use of Soccer Fields within the Trumbull Park System; and, Request of the Board of Finance to consider a Supplemental Bonding Appropriation for the installation of an Artificial Turf Field at Island Brook Park.

The following were in attendance:

Robert F. Ferrigno (Presiding)	Kevin Bellows
Anthony Chmielewski	John Scippa
Tracy Vonick	Louann Riccio
Joseph DeSabia	

Also,
Town Attorney Vito Mazza

Chairman announced to visitors in attendance that the discussion and vote of this Special Meeting will be by the Park Commission with no comments from guests. He noted that the Commission listened to comments, with some speaking one, two or three times, on the subject of use of soccer fields for five or six hours at a Special Meeting on June 26, 2007 and at our regular meeting of July 9, 2007.

Chairman opened discussion on the Use of Soccer Fields.

Mr. Scippa commented that in deliberating the two sides of the issue of two organizations, two incompatible groups, and whether they could both exist in one community or system, he felt it is not feasible. We would not be able to run the two programs simultaneously. They are essentially counter-productive to the organizations and youth. That being said, then the objective would be to choose a group. He said he is not sure if there may be a dissenting opinion on that.

Mr. Vonick said he had not much to add, but he may be the one dissenting vote as it is unfortunate the way it played out...would have liked to have seen both groups work this out...doesn't look like it's going to be possible. If the Commission decides to authorize one group to use the fields, he may be the one dissenting vote against that.

No other comments.

MOTION by Mr. Scippa, second by Mr. Chmielewski, and approved, (six in favor, one opposed (Mr. Vonick), that the Trumbull Park Commission hereby determines that there shall be only one Recreational Soccer Program and one Travel Soccer Program recognized for scheduling within the Trumbull Park System and for the use of the Building at Kaechele Park; and, hereby designates the American Youth Soccer Organization and the Trumbull United Soccer Organization as those programs approved for scheduling.

Mr. Scippa added we were hopeful that these groups could work it out. That, in fact, could still happen, and hope that this is the vehicle by which this does happen.

Supplemental Bonding Request for installation of an Artificial Turf Field at Island Brook Park:

Chairman indicated that feed back from Board of Finance is that this request would probably not be approved at this time. It was thought that neighbors to the park may not like fields in play for perhaps nine months out of the year. The Board of Finance will meet in August, and if the request were to be denied at that time, we would have missed our window of opportunity for natural turf field preparations. If we begin natural turf preparations now, we will have a field in play by Fall of 2008. We want and need that field in use and his thought is that it is best to move forward with our original bonding intention to install a natural turf field. At some time in the future, we could consider an Artificial Turf Field for that location if so decided.

MOTION by Mr. Chmielewski, second by Mr. DeSabia, unanimously passed to rescind the passage of the original Motion of the Park Commission authorizing the request of the Board of Finance to consider a Supplemental Bonding Appropriation for the installation of an Artificial Turf Field at Island Brook Park.

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Respectfully submitted:

Joan E. Plouffe
Clerical Administrative Asst.

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